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SUBJECT: PRESS STORY ON MILITARY OPERATIONS IN NICARAGUA

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1. STORY CLEARLY REFLECTS FSLN PROPAGANDA. SIMILAR STORIES BEGAN TO ORIGINATE IN THIS HEMISPHERE, ESPECIALLY FROM CUBA, PRIOR TO NOVEMBER 1976 JOINT MILITARY EXERCISE IN NICARAGUA OF CENTRAL AMERICAN DEFENSE COUNCIL (CONDECA) IN WHICH U.S. PARTICIPATES. EXERCISE NAMED AGUILA VI (THERE HAD BEEN FIVE PREVIOUS SIMILAR EXERCISES IN OTHER MEMBER COUNTRIES OVER PAST FEW YEARS) INVOLVED TROOPS FROM NICARAGUA, GUATEMALA, EL SALVADOR AND OBSERVERS FROM HONDURAS, COSTA RICA, PANAMA, THE U.S. (14 PERSONS INCLUDING FOUR-MAN MEDICAL TEAM AND THREE LOGISTICAL SUPPORT PERSONNEL) AND THE INTER-AMERICAN DEFENSE BOARD.

2. EMB SHOULD POINT OUT THAT STORY IS REHASH OF OLD PROPAGANDA AS WELL

AS ERRONEOUS AS FOLLOWS:

--U.S. RANGERS WERE NOT PARTICIPATING IN CONDECA EXERCISE.

--EXERCISE WAS NOT AGAINST FSLN.

IT LASTED THREE DAYS IN AREA WHERE FSLN IS NOT ACTIVE AND THERE WERE NO CONTACTS WITH THE REVOLUTIONARY GUERRILLA MOVEMENT.

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--U.S. RANGERS ARE NOT NOW AND NEVER HAVE PARTICIPATED IN COUNTER-INSURGENCY OPERATIONS IN NICARAGUA.

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